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Please end the use of antibiotics to promote livestock growth when those antibiotics are used to treat humans. Jeopardizing the effectiveness of antibiotics essential for public health protection is a high price to pay to fatten hogs and poultry.

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and prominent public health organizations have expressed great concern about the massive use of antibiotics to increase livestock weight in light of the growing evidence of antibiotic resistance. The United States should follow the example of the European Union, which banned adding human-use antibiotics to animal feed last year.

I also believe that this mis-use of antibiotics promotes cruelty to these animals and provides less nutritional substance for the humans that consume them. Let's stop this situation now, while the damage is, to some degree, reversible.

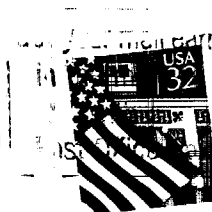
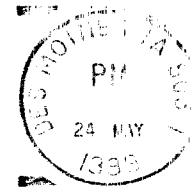
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